

**Deferred Maintenance, Americans with Disabilities
Improvements to Service Providers for Beneficiaries,
People with Disabilities**

**FY2002 Request: \$800,000
Reference No: AMD33670**

AP/AL: Appropriation
Category: Health/Safety

Project Type: Deferred Maintenance

Location: Statewide

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2007

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This program will provide capital grants for deferred maintenance, renovation, and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance of existing structures for agencies providing programs, services, and activities for Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and people with disabilities. Approximately \$450.0 of the available funds will be restricted to agencies providing chemical dependency treatment services for individuals and families. The program scope as determined by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority limits projects to rural Alaska only.

Funding:

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
GF/MH	\$400,000						\$400,000
MHTAAR	\$400,000						\$400,000
Total:	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000

☐ State Match Required
 ☐ One-Time Project
 ☐ Phased Project
 ☒ On-Going Project
 0% = Minimum State Match % Required
 ☒ Amendment
 ☒ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

In SLA 98 \$700,000 (\$200,000 AHFC Corporate Bonds and \$500,000 AMHTAAR) for deferred maintenance and \$350,000 (\$100,000 AHFC Corporate Bonds and \$250,000 AMHTAAR) for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements was appropriated for this grant program. In SLA 99, \$500,000 (\$250,000 GF/MH and \$250,000 AMHTAAR) was appropriated for this grant program. In SLA 00, \$650,000 (\$550,000 AMHTAAR and \$100,000) was appropriated for Facilities Deferred Maintenance.

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Project Description:

The request will provide for capital grants for agencies providing services, activities, and programs for Mental Health Trust beneficiaries and for people with disabilities. Funds will be awarded to agencies for deferred maintenance (including facility renovation, repair, or upgrade) and accessibility improvements to program facilities. The funds are needed to keep program facilities operational and accessible.

The Department proposes awarding funds on a competitive basis, based on the results of a capital needs assessment. Up to \$100,000 of this request may be used in combination with \$200,000 appropriated to DHSS in FY99 to perform a capital needs assessment of Mental Health Trust services provider agencies in rural Alaska. Maintenance of treatment facilities, residential services, and administrative offices is an ongoing problem for providers serving beneficiaries and people with physical disabilities. Most agencies must place all resources into client care and are unable to set aside building repair and replacement funds. As a consequence, buildings continue to deteriorate.

Funds for repair of provider facilities are a sound health care investment. The funds requested are only a small part of the total need. Potential funding sources to address deferred maintenance continue to decrease. This request will substantially reduce deferred maintenance and accessibility needs among provider agencies and among providers serving people with disabilities throughout Alaska.

The Olmstead ruling may result in an increase in the number of the MHT beneficiaries transitioning out of API and other institutions into community settings. Funds will be used to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for program facilities.

As needs continue to grow, DHSS is researching alternative funding in order to utilize funds as efficiently and effectively as possible. The Department proposes to issue a Request for Nominations that will allow provider agencies in rural Alaska to "nominate" facilities that they want to include in a capital needs assessment. Eligible facilities include residential, program, and administrative facilities that provide services for Mental Health Trust beneficiaries or people with disabilities. DHSS will then conduct a building condition audit of facilities and award funds based on the capital needs as determined by a consultant who will develop a priority list. The list will be adjusted after consultation with each of the beneficiary planning boards.

Approximately \$450,000 will be restricted to agencies providing alcohol and chemical dependency treatment, while the remaining funds will be restricted to agencies serving individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders, or physical disabilities. This program is limited to rural Alaska only.

Project Type: Deferred maintenance; Renovation and replacement

Results: Shared Vision II: Ensure that the minimum set of services specified in statute are available in all areas of the state on either an individual or community level.

Indicators: Maintain sound, safe and secure facilities to provide services to individuals experiencing mental illness or developmental disabilities or substance abuse.

Performance Measures:

- Number and size of deferred maintenance projects completed, especially those involving health and safety issues
- Number of facilities brought into ADA compliance